

We claim:

1. (Currently Amended) A semi-rigid straw ~~having two open ends~~ open from end to end substantially filled with a flavored material selected from the group consisting of jellied drinks, granitas, slushes, and precursors thereof, said straw having tightly fitting end caps and a minimum I.D. of at least 0.75 in. and a minimum wall thickness of 0.02 mm.
2. (Previously presented) A straw according to claim 1 wherein the straw is formed from a semi-rigid plastic selected from the group consisting of polyvinyl chloride, polyethylene, polyethylene terephthalate and polypropylene.
3. (Original) A straw according to claim 1 wherein the flavored material is a slush.
4. (Original) A straw according to claim 1 wherein the flavored material is a slush precursor.
5. (Original) A straw according to claim 1 wherein the flavored material is a jellied drink.
6. (Original) A straw according to claim 1 wherein the flavored material is a jellied drink precursor.
7. (Original) A straw according to claim 1 wherein the flavored material also includes a beverage alcohol.
8. (Original) A straw according to claim 1 which is transparent.
9. (Original) A straw according to claim 1 which is translucent.

10. (Original) A straw according to claim 1 which is opaque.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presents) A semi-rigid straw according to claim 1 having a capacity of at least 50 ml of flavored material.

17. (New) A beverage dispenser, comprising;

a semi-rigid hollow straw having two open ends;

removable end-caps on each of said two open ends;

said hollow straw being substantially filled with a beverage selected from the group consisting of jellied drinks, granatas, slushes, and precursors thereof;

said end-caps being removable;

whereby said beverage is dispensed in either direction from said straw by application of positive pressure at one of said two open ends and application of negative pressure at the other of said two open ends.